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Message:

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

While I await your return telephone call, please find attached:

- a) Copy of the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration filed December 8, 2003.
- b) Copy of the Acknowledgement Postcard showing Receipt of the Amendment by OIPE on December 10, 2003.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance.

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- (1) Amendment Transmittal Letter
- (1) Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for the above-identified continuation patent application filed on December 5, 2003 and contains no new matter. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include one (1) revised attached drawing and two (2) attached new drawing sheets.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including revised and new drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.